# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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HANDICAPPED WELFARE CENTRES
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of Handicapped Welfare Centres in Bihar;

(b) the details of facilities provided to the handicapped persons by the Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation;

(c) the latest position of progress made by them;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate a clear National Policy for Handicapped persons;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) 5 districts in Bihar have been selected for implementation of the National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD) in the first phase. In addition, District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) at Darbhanga, Muzzaffarpur, Nawada and Gaya are functioning and those at Banka, Bhagalpur and Chapra are in the process of becoming functional.

(b) & (c) The National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) extends loans to persons with disabilities for pursuing education at higher levels and assists them in upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial, skills, procurement of raw material for them and marketing of finished goods and for starting small business, trade, cottage industries, agricultural and allied activities etc. The corporation has so far disbursed loans of Rs. 4.95 crores covering 5509 beneficiaries.

(d) to (f) A National Policy for Persons with Disabilities is at advanced stage of formulation.